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FOR AMBASSADOR WHITE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, SHUM, PINT, PA

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO DEPUTY SECRETARY AND MRS. CHRIS-
TOPHER TO ATTEND STROESSNER INAUGURATION

REF: ASUNCION 3063 STATE 189923, ASUNCION 3123

1. PLEASE CONVEY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DEPUTY SECRETARY
CHRISTOPHER'S REGRETS AT NOT BEING ABLE TO ATTEND PRESI-
DENT STROESSNER'S INAUGURATION.

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2. IN THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S ABSENCE, YOU WILL BE
DESIGNATED AS THE US REPRESENTATIVE. THE NECESSARY PAPERS
DESIGNATING YOU PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT
WITH THE RANK OF SPECIAL AMBASSADOR ARE BEING PREPARED.

3. TEXT OF LETTER TO PARAGUAYAN AMBASSADOR RESPONDING TO
INVITATION WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS IT IS CLEARED.

4. IN EXPLAINING TO AMBASSADOR LOPEZ ESCOBAR THAT MR. CHRISTOPHER'S SCHEDULE DOES NOT PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF HIS ATTENDANCE, WE PLAN TO POINT OUT THAT THE LAINO CASE, THE UNRESOLVED INVITATION TO THE IAHRG AND THE GOP RADIO ATTACK ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG WOULD HAVE MADE IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO ACCEDE TO THEIR INVITATION IN ANY EVENT.

5. RE YOUR 3123 - WE SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT A BOYCOTT OF THE CEREMONIES WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO OUR HUMAN RIGHTS INTERESTS AND WILL INFORM THE BRITISH HERE THAT WE WELCOME THEIR CONCERN, BUT BELIEVE BOYCOTT MIGHT NOT ACHIEVE RESULTS THEY ARE SEEKING. CHRISTOPHER

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